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solutely new Peace Fund—the object of which must necessarily be similar.

At the same time do not mistake our earnest sympathy and approval of your noble object, which all real friends of the cause can but bid God speed.

Boston, Jan. 25, 1890.

BOOK NOTICES.

NEW POEMS.

We have seen no more dainty little book than the *Bugle Call*, by Augusta C. Winthrop, sent us by the publishers, W. B. Clarke & Co., Boston. It contains in its beautifully printed pages about thirty sweet and melodious poems on subjects pastoral and religious. The poems of Miss Winthrop manifest the poetic instinct for melody, and are full of religious feeling. The churchly flavor does not mar the spiritual insight and delicacy to which a believing heart ever responds. The *Bugle Call* is not so much call to fight as to sympathize and suffer and relieve suffering. The new volume like *Under the Cedars* by the same author is redolent of nature in spring and summer.

O for the wide old garden,
The open sweeping lawn,
The close-trimmed turf all jewelled
With dew at early dawn!

Some of the poems seem inspired by English scenes, some by heroic martyr incidents, some by favorite books. All have a spirit and glow that is contagious. Our readers who enjoyed "Children of the Sun" published in the November *ADVOCATE* will find it here in worthy companionship and attractive dress.

"Mr. Bryce's *American Commonwealth* is out of print in England," writes Mr. Smalley to the *New York Tribune*. "The first edition in its three octavo volumes was of 1500 copies, and is destined to become moderately scarce, for it is not likely to be reprinted in its complete form. Messrs. Macmillan are just bringing out a new and cheaper edition in two volumes, with the dangerous chapter, "The Tweed Ring," by Frank B. Goodnow omitted, or at least not fully reprinted. Mr. Oakey Hall has chosen to bring his action for libel against Mr. Bryce and not against the publishers, but no firm would wish to reprint an alleged libel while an action was pending; nor would Mr. Bryce himself care to."

A very fine looking picture of Prof. Bryce and a sketch of his career as author, an Oxford professor and a member of Parliament closely allied with Mr. Gladstone and accepting all the political issues of his great leader, appears in the *Century Magazine* for January.

Our Day, "A Record and Review of Current Reform," comes to our table regularly. The January number contains an Ode in three parts by Rev. J. E. Rankin, D. D., the new President of Howard University, Washington, D. C. We miss the Scotch idiom of which Dr. Rankin is a master, but not the poetic inspiration which gives beauty and life to his productions. "Commerce and Christianity," R. S. Storrs, D. D. "Nationalism," Edward Everett Hale and Edward Bellamy. "Example of Preachers as to Smoking," Letters from Joseph Cook, Drs. Talmage, Cuyler, Ward, et als.

Joseph Cook calls attention to the temperance text books which the law requires to be used in twenty-seven States. These teach abstinence from tobacco. The

question as to whether teachers ought to use it under the circumstances, answers itself. Does not that as to the preacher do the same? The Methodists refuse to approve of a man to preach who uses tobacco. Dr. Talmage says many clergymen who have on their tombstone "Died in the Lord," might more appropriately have "Died of tobacco." Dr. Cuyler writes, "It is not a wholesome 'example to the flock.'" Dr. Ward, "The habit is filthy, useless and sensual." Lyman Abbott, "There is a certain incongruity in a clergyman's preaching the 'crucifixion of the flesh' and smoking." Thomas Armitage, "It is of but little use to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come,' while we tamper with either of these deadly poisons (tobacco and rum)." Ex-Pres. McCosh, "Smoking will stop when young ladies object to a man that smokes and churches refuse a minister that smokes." Edward Beecher, "It injures ministers physically and morally to smoke." Austin Phelps, "It is a habit against nature." There are also vital points of "expert opinion" and "Editorial Notes," all of which are interesting and instructive.

FROM HAWAII.

Mrs. Titus Coan writes a cordial welcome home to the delegates to Paris and says she has "read the addresses at the Columbus Avenue meeting with great interest and was made by them to realize sympathetically what a Congress met in the palace Trocadero in the June days of this memorable year. I think it would have been to Mr. Coan the next best thing to being in heaven, to have been at such an assembly as that Peace Congress. Hon. Robert Treat Paine makes a very forcible presentation of the advance of the Peace cause by his four points. I cannot read such words without a vivid sense of the enjoyment it would give my sainted husband to know how the cause progresses. But surely he must know—for he is with the Prince of Peace."

Mrs. Coan renews her generous subscriptions to the *Angel of Peace* with words of commendation and also kindly sends us the annual report of the Association of descendants of the American Missionaries of the Sandwich Islands. They are scattered world-wide, but are sought in correspondence and drawn together not only by common ancestry but by missionary work which they still prosecute by person or proxy. The centennial of exercises commemorative of the father of Mrs. Coan, Rev. Hiram Bingham, have not reached us in time to copy the inscription on his memorial tablet, which we hope to insert in our next issue. That those islands were first converted to Christianity, and then so largely depopulated and again repopulated by persons of every nation is certainly a significant fact in history. Geographically related as they are to Japan and China in their resurrection, and to America in its marvellous development,—God has evidently a purpose as to them, which we cannot fathom, but which is marvellous and grand in its foreshadowings of their future.

The Empress of Germany has sent a number of magnificent dolls, with complete wardrobe in silks, satins and cloth of gold, all of the most expensive and elaborate description, to the Princess Haily, six years old, the favorite daughter of the Sultan of Turkey. The cost of these toys was upward of \$6000.